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O 251904Z AUG 78  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY MADRID IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIS, SP

SUBJECT: EMBARGO ON YELLOWFIN TUNA  
REF: MADRID 9503 AND PREVIOUS

1. DEPT. HAS ONLY NOW RECEIVED COPY OF GOS NOTE REGARDING  
WAIVER OF YELLOWFIN TUNA EMBARGO IN EFFECT AS RESULT OF US  
LAW AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING MARINE MAMMALS. NOTE  
PASSED TO DEPT. COMMERCE FOR FORMAL DETERMINATION AS TO  
WHETHER INFO IN NOTE SUFFICIENT FOR WAIVER. DEPT. ANTICI-  
PATES EARLY COMMERCE DECISION SINCE INFO FOR THE MOST PART  
ALREADY IN HANDS OF COMMERCE FROM PREVIOUS REPORTING AS WELL  
AS FROM OTHER SOURCES. DEPT. WILL ADVISE EMBASSY IMMEDI-  
ATELY OF COMMERCE DECISION.

2. DEPT. COMMERCE HAS NOTED TO DEPT. THAT FAVORABLE  
FINDING FOR GOS BASED ON MARINE MAMMAL SITUATION WOULD ONLY  
EXEMPT GOS IMPORTS OF YELLOWFIN CAUGHT IN ATLANTIC OCEAN  
FROM EMBARGO. SPANISH-CAUGHT YELLOWFIN TUNA TAKEN IN  
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EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN WOULD STILL BE EMBARGOED PURSUANT TO  
DETERMINATION MADE IN OCTOBER 1975 FR40, PAGE 48159 OCT. 14,  
1975 AS RESULT OF DETERMINATION THAT SPANISH TUNA FISHING IN  
EASTERN PACIFIC DETRIMENTAL TO CONSERVATION PROGRAM ESTAB-  
LISHED BY INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION (IATTC).  
AT TIME OF THIS DETERMINATION, SPANISH FLEET OF 6 VESSELS  
WAS FISHING WITHOUT RESTRICTION DURING IATTC CLOSED SEASON

AND REFUSED TO LEAVE AREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH IATTC CONSER-  
VATION REGULATIONS. IF ONLY ONE SPANISH VESSEL NOW OPERAT-  
ING IN AREA, EFFECTIVENESS OF IATTC CONSERVATION PROGRAM  
WOULD NOT APPEAR TO BE SIGNIFICANTLY DIMINISHED, AND  
PARTICULARLY SO IF THIS VESSEL PREPARED TO FOLLOW IATTC  
PROGRAM. GOS MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER PETITION TO USG FOR  
RELAXATION OF EMBARGO ON BASIS OF CHANGED CONDITIONS; GOS  
SHOULD OUTLINE CHANGED CONDITIONS AND CLEARLY EXPLAIN  
CURRENT SITUATION REGARDING SPANISH TUNA FISHING AS IT  
RELATES TO IATTC CONSERVATION EFFORTS. CHRISTOPHER

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